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Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Dirksen Building, 122
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Mark Kirk
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Hart Building, 125
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Kirk:

As the subcommittee begins its consideration of an appropriation bill for the agencies within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, I respectfully request support for the programs listed below. The funding requested for the national programs is to be spent at the agencies' discretion within the existing budget line and is not intended for any specific business, state, community or other entity.

1. Title: Mechanical-Electrical Building, Fort Greely, Alaska.

Project Number: MDA 649

Program Description: Construct a High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP) and blast-protected Mechanical-Electrical Building (MEB) and associated utility and security infrastructure.

Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget Request: \$82 million

Additional Amount Requested: +\$118 million

Budget Account: Military Construction, Defense-Wide

Recipient: Missile Defense Agency

Rationale: The Department has recently announced plans to remediate the completed six silos for fielding six ground-based interceptors (GBIs). The remaining 8 GBIs (for a total of 14 additional GBIs per the Department of Defense's plan) will be fielded in Missile Field 2. All hedge capacity to meet future threats will be consumed by GBI emplacement. Missile Field 1 has the capacity to support 20 GBIs. By providing an additional \$100 million to complete five extra silos in the field, hedge capacity will be regained to meet future threats. It is necessary to fund work on completing these "hedge" silos now so future construction is not hampered by emplacement.

This project is required to provide the Ground Based Mid-course Defense System with increased capabilities to enhance homeland defense. This project constructs a HEMP and blast-protected MEB that supports current survivability and reliability, availability, and maintainability (RAM) requirements, and upgrades the security and lighting infrastructure to meet System Security Level-A (SSL-A) requirements. Redundant HEMP protected utility

feeds are required for mission critical equipment. The new MEB will allow the upgraded Missile Field 1 to increase the potential number of operational interceptor silos at Fort Greely, Alaska. The existing MEB at Missile Field 1 was built as a test bed and provided limited defense capability. The existing missile field and utility infrastructure is not HEMP protected and does not have the redundancy that is required of an operational weapon system. The lack of a HEMP protected facility and redundant HEMP protected utilities could compromise the mission readiness and capability of the Ground Based Mid-course System if Missile Field 1 were to be reutilized to perform missile defense operations. If the funding is not provided, planned enhancements and capabilities of the Ballistic Missile Defense System will not be available for our nation's homeland defense.

2. Title: Aviation Battalion Complex, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Project Number: 67116

Program Description: Construct standard design Aviation Battalion Complex facilities. Primary facilities include a Battalion Headquarters with organizational classrooms, Company Operations Facilities (COF) with Enclosed Covered Hardstand, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) installation, Mass Notifications Systems, Energy Monitoring and Control Systems (EMCS) connection, Special Foundations, and building information systems.

Sustainability/Energy Measures will be provided.

Support Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget Request: \$45 million

Budget Account: Military Construction

Recipient: Department of the Army

Rationale: This request funds the Army's most critical facility needs for the selective continuation of Army Modularity to include the transformation of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and Fort Wainwright, Alaska. No projects requested in this initial budget submission will be negatively impacted by Total Army Analysis.

3. Title: Aviation Storage Hanger, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Project Number: 76601

Program Description: Construct a standard design Aviation Storage Hangar. Primary facilities include a Warm Storage Hangar, Company Operations Facility (COF) with Enclosed Hardstand, Organizational Vehicle Parking, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) installation, Mass Notifications Systems, Energy Monitoring and Control Systems (EMCS) connection, Special Foundations, fire protection, and building information systems. Building information systems for this facility are unique in nature and not included in the unit cost of the building. Sustainability/Energy measures will be provided.

Support Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget Request: \$58 million

Budget Account: Military Construction

Recipient: Department of the Army

Rationale: This request funds the Army's most critical facility needs for the selective continuation of Army Modularity to include the transformation of the 16th Combat Aviation

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Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and Fort Wainwright, Alaska. No projects requested in this initial budget submission will be negatively impacted by Total Army Analysis.

4. Title: Ballistic Missile Defense Upgrade Early Warning Radar, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska.

Project Number: MDA 634

Program Description: Modify existing Phased Array Radar Facility to enable installation of the Upgrade Early Warning Radar (UEWR) equipment, Missile Defense Communication Network equipment, Single Stimulation Framework equipment, and the Satellite Communication Earth Terminal equipment.

Support Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget Request: \$17.204 million

Budget Account: Military Construction, Defense-Wide

Recipient: Missile Defense Agency

Rationale: This project is required to enhance existing Early Warning Radars and satellite communications capability designed to support the Missile Defense Agency's enhanced homeland defense capability. Current Early Warning Radar at Clear Air Force Station does not have enhanced sensor capabilities to adequately meet technological and threat assessments to support the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This project supports the BMDS and enables the Early Warning Radar at Clear AFS to support planned enhanced homeland defense.

I also support the following administrative legislative provision requested by the Department of Defense: *SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States, except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefor.*

Finally, I respectfully request full support for the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2014 budget request, which provides necessary funding to support our veterans' health care, transition to civilian life and other services our country owes them.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Lindsay Kavanaugh, at (202) 224-1924 for additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
United States Senator